

In the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A communication services system on a computer network having a provider computer and at least one user computer, wherein the user computer is accessible by a first user and a second user, the first user and second user requiring an interpreter to facilitate communication with each other, comprising:

means for receiving and transmitting audio and visual information between the provider computer and the user computer; and

the interpreter being accessible via the provider computer; wherein the interpreter can receive a request from the first user for interpretation services between the first user and the second user.

2. (Original) A communication services system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the communication services system comprises a plurality of user computers, each user computer having means for receiving and transmitting audio and visual information between the provider computer and the user computer, wherein the user computers are in electronic communication with each other and with the provider computer.

3. (Original) A communication services system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the means for receiving and transmitting audio and visual information contained within a first user computer and a second user computer are contained within a single housing having a first side and a second side, wherein the means for receiving and transmitting the audio and visual information for the first user computer resides on the first side of the housing and the means for receiving and transmitting the audio and visual information for the second user computer resides on the second side of the housing.

4. (Withdrawn) A communication services system on a computer network having a provider computer and a user computer, the system comprising:

at least one communication service provider, wherein the communication service

provider has a predefined set of service criteria;

means for operating the provider computer to receive a request for communication services from a user via the user computer, the request for communication services including user-defined request criteria;

means for operating the provider computer to compare user-defined request criteria with the predefined set of service criteria; and

means for providing the communication service provider to the user.

5. (Withdrawn) A communication services system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the user-defined criteria includes at least one a criteria selected from a group consisting of the communication services provider is within a specified geographic area, time required to commence services, estimated length of time for services, cost for services, age of interpreter, and subject matter of intended communication.

6. (Withdrawn) A communication services system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the communication service provider possesses a wireless communication device and is capable of providing communication services while translocating from one location to another.

7. (Withdrawn) A method for providing communication services on a computer network having a provider computer and a user computer, the communication services having a plurality of communication service providers, wherein each communication service provider has predefined set of service criteria, the method comprising:

receiving a request for communication services on the provider computer from a user via the user computer, the request for communication services including user-selected service criteria;

comparing, on the provider computer, user-selected service criteria with the predefined set of service criterion of the plurality of communication service providers to determine a degree of match;

selecting a communication service provider from the degree of match; and

providing, from the provider computer, the selected communication service provider to the user, wherein the communication service provider provides communication services to the user.

8. (Withdrawn) A communication system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the wireless device is selected from the group consisting of a cellular telephone, a handheld device, wireless laptop, or Palm Pilot.

9. (Withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising producing a recordation of the communication service provided by the communication service provider.

10. (Withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein an image of the user is transmitted to the communication service provider and an image of the communication service provider is transmitted to the user computer, further comprising digitally modifying for transmission on the computer network the image of at least one of the user and the communication services provider.

11. (Withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising transmitting the request for communication services to available communication service providers of the plurality of communication service providers.

12. (Withdrawn) A communication services system as claimed in claim 4, comprising a wireless communication device, wherein the communication service provider utilizes the wireless communication device to provide communication services to the user while translocating from one location to another.

13. (Previously Presented) A communication services system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means for receiving and transmitting audio and visual information for a first user and a second user are contained within a single housing having a first side and a second side, wherein

the means for receiving and transmitting the audio and visual information for the first user resides on the first side of the housing and the means for receiving and transmitting the audio and visual information for the second user resides on the second side of the housing.

14. (Previously Presented) A communication services system as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one of the provider computer and the user computer comprises a hand-held device.

15. (Previously Presented) A communication services system as claimed in claim 14, the provider computer and user computer being selected from the group consisting of portable telephones, personal appointment managers, a Palm Pilot, and a personal communication device.

16. (Withdrawn) A communication services system as claimed in claim 4, wherein at least one of the provider computer and the user computer comprises a hand-held device.

17. (Withdrawn) A communication services system as claimed in claim 16, the provider computer and user computer being selected from the group consisting of portable telephones, personal appointment managers, a Palm Pilot, and a personal communication device.

18. (Previously Presented) A communication services system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the user computers each comprise a hand-held device.

19. (Currently Amended) A communication services system on a computer network having a provider computer and a user computer, the system comprising:

at least one ~~communication-service-provider~~ interpreter, wherein the ~~communication-service-provider~~ interpreter facilitates communication between a first user and a second user; and wherein the ~~communication-service-provider~~ interpreter has a predefined set of service criteria;

means for operating the provider computer to receive a request for communication services from the first user via the user computer, the request for communication services

including user-defined request criteria;

means for operating the provider computer to compare user-defined request criteria with the predefined set of service criteria; and

means for providing the ~~communication service provider~~ interpreter to the user.

20. (Previously Presented) A communication services system as claimed in claim 19, wherein the user-defined criteria includes at least one a criteria selected from a group consisting of the communication services provider is within a specified geographic area, time required to commence services, estimated length of time for services, cost for services, age of interpreter, and subject matter of intended communication.

21. (Currently Amended) A communication services system as claimed in claim 19, wherein the ~~communication service provider~~ interpreter possesses a wireless communication device and is capable of providing communication services while translocating from one location to another.

22. (Previously Presented) A method for providing communication services on a computer network having a provider computer and a user computer, the communication services having a plurality of interpreters, wherein each interpreter has a predefined set of service criteria, the method comprising:

receiving a request for communication services on the provider computer from a first user via the user computer, the user requiring an interpreter to facilitate communication with a second user, the request for communication services including user-selected service criteria;

comparing, on the provider computer, user-selected service criteria with the predefined set of service criterion of the plurality of interpreters to determine a degree of match;

selecting an interpreter from the degree of match; and

providing, from the provider computer, the selected interpreter to the user, wherein the communication service provider facilitates communication between the first user and the second user.

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23. (Previously Presented) A communication system as claimed in claim 21, wherein the wireless device is selected from the group consisting of a cellular telephone, a handheld device, wireless laptop, or Palm Pilot.

24. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 22, further comprising producing a recordation of the communication service provided by the interpreter.

25. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 22, wherein an image of the user is transmitted to the interpreter and an image of the interpreter is transmitted to the user computer, further comprising digitally modifying for transmission on the computer network the image of at least one of the user and the interpreter.

26. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 22, further comprising transmitting the request for communication services to available interpreters of the plurality of interpreters.

27. (Currently Amended) A communication services system as claimed in claim 19, comprising a wireless communication device, wherein the ~~communication service provider~~ interpreter utilizes the wireless communication device to provide communication services to the user while translocating from one location to another.

28. (Previously Presented) A communication services system as claimed in claim 19, wherein at least one of the provider computer and the user computer comprises a hand-held device.

29. (Previously Presented) A communication services system as claimed in claim 28, the provider computer and user computer being selected from the group consisting of portable telephones, personal appointment managers, a Palm Pilot, and a personal communication device.